(PRIVATE CIRCULAR.)

OFFICE OF THE "PROTECTIONIST."

TORONTO, *3rd December*, 1858.

DEAR SIR,

The importance of bringing the principles and objects of the "Association for the Promotion of Canadian Industry" more fully before the country and the Legislature, with the view of securing, during the coming session of Parliament, a still further and more matured measure of encouragement to Canadian Manufactures, has induced me to issue this Circular, addressed to a limited number of our friends, for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, the means necessary to accomplish that desirable object.

The heavy expenses incurred during the late Session of Parliament, in bringing our views prominently before the public convinced me that the only practicable means of directing public attention to this subject was by establishing an organ at the seat of Government, devoted entirely to forwarding the views and objects of the "Association." Believing that by this means the importance of encouraging our Home Manufactures could be fully explained, without those incidental expenses which must necessarily attend any disorganized movement, I commenced the publication of the *Protectionist* nearly three months ago, relying solely on the support that might be accorded to it by the friends of the movement.

The success of the paper has exceeded my expectations; the number of subscribers, (including two hundred guaranteed by Mr. John Lovell in Lower Canada,) being nearly eight hundred; and the success of the canvass in Upper Canada warrants me in believing that the subscription list will soon be increased to several thousands.

The subscription and advertising lists are now sufficient to defray the expenses of publishing 1,500 copies of the paper. But except among our more immediate friends, I find it injurious to the success of the canvass to ask payment in advance, while the advertisements are generally engaged by the year, and not payable before six months.

Under these circumstances, I find myself without sufficient means to publish and conduct the paper, and push forward the canvass with that energy which is necessary to insure success; and unless the friends of the movement are disposed to lend their aid to a limited extent, I fear it will be impossible for me, single-handed, to place the *Protectionist* on a permanent footing.

The sum necessary to enable me to sustain the paper, and pay in cash all the expenses of publication, is about *One Thousand Dollars*, and I have decided to call upon the undermentioned gentlemen, among whom you will find your name included, for a loan of *Fifty Dollars* each, for six months, either in cash or in their respective notes at that date. The prompt payment of this loan will, of course, depend very much on the future success of the paper; but I am willing that all sums collected by you on my account should be retained for that purpose, and, consequently, the loss, if any, will in most cases be very small.

Should the result of this Circular meet my expectations, I propose immediately to open a convenient office in this city, to be known as the head quarters of the Tariff Reform movement, and to engage such assistance as will enable me to visit the principal towns and villages in Upper Canada, for the purpose of organizing Branch Associations, and extending the circulation of the paper.

I further propose to increase the weekly issue immediately to 1,500 copies, to supply every member of both Branches of the Legislature, as well as every Mechanics' Institute and Newspaper in the Province, with copies regularly. By this means our principles will be brought fully and fairly before the public, and an amount of information communicated which it would be impossible to publish in any other manner.

Copies of this Circular have been sent to Messrs. Isaac Buchanan, Hamilton; W. B. Jarvis, Toronto; D. Crawford, do.; R. Hay, do.; J. H. Cameron, do.; James Buntin, Hamilton; James Hickie, Kingston; J. W. H. Morton, do.; G. P. M. Ball, Louth; James Crombie, Galt; R. Paterson, Belleville; H. O. Burritt, Ottawa; R. Coleman, Lyn; D. Smart, Port Hope; D. F. Jones, Gananoque; W. Barber, Georgetown; R. B. Colton, Brockville; C. O. Benidict, Niagara; R. McKinnon, Caledonia; John Lovell, Montreal; W. S. Childs, do.; Alexander Buntin, do.; Murray Anderson, London; Jacob Dewitt, Montreal; J. L. Matheson, do.; Geo. Peck, Toronto.

Awaiting your early reply,

I am,

Your obedient servant,